Cheating in the civil services Examinations

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to he reported large-scale cheating in the Civil Services Preliminary examinations, 1988 done at some centres in Bihar ;

(b) whether it is a fact that thirty per cent of the 10,200 candidates who were selected in the 1988 Preliminary examination, have roll numbers which sequentially range from groups of two to ten ; and

(c) what action Government have taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) (a) to (c) Some complaint with regard to use of unfair means by candidates in the Civil Service (Preliminary) Examination, 1988 at Patna Centre (Bihar) were received in the Commission's Office, but, on investigation, the allegations were found to be not correct. Nearly 1,50,000 candidates applied for the examination throughout the country out of whom nearly 85,000 candidates actually appeared at the examination.

The roll numbers are allotted to the candidates as per dates of receipt of their applications in the Commission's office. A sizeable number of candidates who qualified at the Preliminary Examination 1988 were found to have sequential roll number of 3 or more. It was, however, observed from an analysis of these sequential numbers, that many candidates concerned had taken different optional subjects or had appeared at different centres. It was also observed that the occurrence of sequential roll numbers among successful candidates was not confined to Patna Centre alone, but had occurred at other centres also. However, as and when any complaints-annonymous or otherwise are received in the Union Public Service Commission, a thorough investigation is made and, on the basis of evidence found and punitive action, if necessary, is taken.

Loopholes in the Civil Services Preliminary Examinations

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Civil Services Preliminary examinations, many imposters are able to help their friends write the examinations, since the UPSC application system does not require any certificates or documents of proof;

(b) whether Government are also aware that many fake candidates use only their original photographs and fill in all other data incorrectly, because they have exhausted all the three chances; and

(c) whether Government are considering to change the pattern of Preliminary examinations to plug these loopholes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES